

Trumpet Madness (2005)

Trumpet Madness features several wonderful trumpeters, as well as the entire Aardvark Orchestra in both solo and collective improvisational roles. Among the trumpeters are music director Mark Harvey, soloing on Taylor Ho Bynum's Concerto for Orchestra and Improviser, Berlin-based trumpeter Rajesh Mehta, featured on Harvey's Spirals which was written especially for Mehta and his percussion collaborator Paul Lovens, and trumpeters Harvey, Ho Bynum, Mehta, Greg Kelley, and Jeanne Snodgrass on the title tune Trumpet Madness, an improvisational tour de force. K.C. Dunbar, Jimmy Leach, and Eric Dahlman round out our trumpetistic panorama as they are heard to advantage on several other tracks on the recording.

All selections were recorded in live performance, six of the seven cuts are world premieres, and throughout, they showcase the band's unique approach to blending spontaneous creation within complex structures. While there is a trumpet concept at work here, listeners will soon discover that Trumpet Madness leads inevitably and delightfully to total Aardvark madcap music-making of the highest order. To paraphrase American painter Stuart Davis, who was speaking of the influence of Guillaume Dufay's music on his abstractionist style, "trumpets used like voices/ real crazy syncopation."

Aardvark's latest CD recording Trumpet Madness was released on the prestigious London-based LEO Records label (long recognized for its commitment to challenging postmodern music), this is the band's eighth CD. Three of these have been released on the Leo Lab Records label.

Leo Records Description:

This is the fourth CD in Leo Records catalogue by The Aardvark Jazz Orchestra led by the composer, arranger, conductor and trumpeter Mark Harvey. Trumpet Madness displays the unique and disparate sounds of several wonderful trumpeters woven into the fabric of multi-stylistic orchestral compositions. Recorded in live performance, these compositions present the band's commitment to spontaneous creation within complex structures. Mark Harvey's approach to blending the solo, collective, and conducted improvisation of 28 [sic] talented players has been developed to a high level of intuitive and expressive virtuosity.

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1. Flexology Listen Listen 2. JB's Dreamtime Listen Listen 3. Choices For Orchestra And Improviser Listen Listen 4. Morph Listen Listen 5. Trumpet Madness Listen Listen 6. Spirals Listen Listen 7. Voices Like Trumpets Listen Listen

PLAYERS

Aardvark Jazz Orchestra: Mark Harvey (trumpet); Arni Cheatham, Peter Bloom, Mark Messier, Chris Rakowski, Phil Scarff, Will Swank, Dan Zupan (saxes & woodwinds); Eric Dahlman, K.C. Dunbar, Taylor Ho Bynum, Greg Kelley, Jimmy Leach, Rajesh Mehta, Jeanne Snodgrass (trumpets); Russell Jewell, Jay Keyser, Jeff Marsanskis, Bob Pilkington (trombones); Bill Lowe (bass trombone, tuba); Dan Shaud (French horn); Richard Nelson (guitar); John Funkhouser, John Voigt, Jesse Williams (string bass); Jerry Edwards (electric bass); Harry Wellott (drums); Craig Ellis, Paul Lovens (percussion)

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